



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 18**

**Meeting Date:** 5/26/06

**Meeting Location:** Clark County Department of Child Services

**Council Members Present:** Terrence Cody, John Barksdale, Jim Miller, Joan Kelley, John Kaiser

**Council Members Absent:** H.L. Whitis, Susan Long, Kim Grantz, Linda Miller

**Others In Attendance:** Pam Cotton, Kim Kirchner, **Dale Stroud, Penny Pfau.**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 1: 00 PM.

1. Review of 660 Financial Documents.
2. Community Partners for Child Safety. Introduction of New Hope Staff who are responsible for the development of this Program in Region 18. General information regarding the program was given and program potential was discussed. Some concern was expressed regarding the local offices discontinuance of voluntary services possibly going into effect September 30<sup>th</sup>.

3. Kids Count Data: The Kids Count Data for Region 18 was distributed. As the RSC will be evaluating Regional needs and service gaps it is believed that this information will be beneficial.
4. Region 18 Data: Data indicating the number of Chins, Informal Adjustments and CHINS and Abuse Neglect investigations was also distributed and reviewed.
5. Practice Reform Update: Regional Service Members were updated on the progress of the practice reform efforts in Region 18.
6. Staff Attorneys: Clark, Floyd and Harrison Counties will be hiring staff attorneys. Judge Cody detailed some concerns he had regarding this issue and recommended some training programs that he believed would be helpful to the staff attorneys/. This information will be sent to John Ryan and Denise Safewright. Judge Cody also believes that it would be helpful if our Family case managers received more training on testifying in Court.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** July 21 2006 @ the Clark County DCS Office. 1:00 PM

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 1:55 PM